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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The references submitted in "List I" on form 1449 were cited in an Office Action mailed November 20, 2007, in counterpart Japanese application no. JP 09-333453. The US references listed on this form are family members of the cited foreign references.

The Japanese references submitted in "List II" on form 1449, were cited in an Office Action mailed December 4, 2007, in counterpart Japanese application no. JP 09-340754. The US references listed on this form are also family members of the cited foreign references.

Finally, the reference submitted in "List III" on form 1449 is a document that is cited in the specification of the present invention.

LIST I

The family of JP 8-274330 cited herein includes:

US Patent No. 6,306,709 B1 *

US Patent No. 6,498,376 B1 *

The family of JP 3-54869 cited herein includes:

EP Patent No. 0 369 676 A2 **

US Patent No. 5,262,987 **

The family of JP 11-17169 cited herein includes:

US Patent No. 6,232,642 B1 **

The family of JP 10-65164 cited herein includes:

US Patent No. 6,653,687 B1 *

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LIST II

The family of JP 8-330598 cited herein includes:

US Patent No. 6,329,269 B1 ***

US Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0102820 A1 ***

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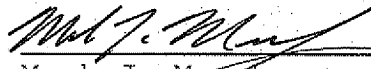
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